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REF :

Writing on the front page of Le Monde of August 7, Georges Chaffard, a generally strongly anti-American writer on Viet Nam, charges that since 1957 "US special services have encouraged and supported guerilla operations" against N

According to Chaffard, the initial efforts were aimed solely at helping to provoke the fall of the Hanoi Governmen A. "Presidency Liaison Service" was established with a number of Americans heading it. Within it "Section 45" (including four American advisers) was trained for operations in the No Soon there was also set up "Intergroup for Observation Numbe for the recruitment of Tonkinois for special missions. Trai took place in Nha-Trang, and the best trainees were then sen to Formosa or Guam for further polishing. The effort remain minimal, however, until 1961, when the objective was changed to the disorganization of the military and economic potentia of the North. Although almost all agents were parachuted in one frogman group was introduced by boat in 1962. Two out o everythree operations, however, were failures.

For the Chargé d'Affaires a.i

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